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# Charities receive strong support

JENN WATT  
Editor

The Haliburton community is coming through again this year for area charities that depend on generosity during Christmastime.

Outside the Lily Ann on York Street on Thursday, a line of people waited patiently on the sidewalk for the 4Cs food bank's annual Christmas grocery vouchers. The building opened at 10 a.m., but half an hour before a dozen people were already standing at the door.

This year, 217 area families had signed up for a grocery voucher in Haliburton or Cardiff. While they picked that up, they were also offered mittens and hats for their kids, a bag of candy and a fresh vegetable package.

"Our donations are up this year. The Moose [FM] did really well," says Judy MacDuff, vice-chairwoman and treasurer of the 4Cs. Moose FM's annual fundraiser for food banks brought in \$21,000 for the county's four food banks. Food donations are also up substantially, though they

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## The Joy of the Holidays

Junior kindergarten student Ava Scheffee smiles at the audience while singing at the Stuart Baker Elementary School Holiday Concert Christmas Around the World on Wednesday, Dec. 16. More on page 5. DARREN LUM Staff

# Councillors request tax increase scenarios

CHAD INGRAM  
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County residents should expect at least a 3.85 per cent increase in their upper-tier property taxes for 2016.

County treasurer Laura Janke gave councillors a peek at the 2016 draft budget during their Dec. 16 meeting and council requested scenarios be drawn up based on various tax increases.

Janke is predicting a surplus for 2015, the exact amount of which is not yet known and is recommended to go into the county's working fund reserve.

Winter's late onset will result in savings in the roads department, which constitutes the largest chunk of the municipality's budget at 43 per cent.

"We're going to be significantly under," Janke said of the county's winter maintenance budget, where it's being recommended \$100,000 be put into winter maintenance reserves.

Haliburton County has a total budget in the area of \$20 million and for 2016, more than \$14 million of that will be levied through taxation.

Reserves heading into 2016 are at approximately \$3 million, but that money will be dipped into throughout the year.

"We know we have to use them again," Janke said.

Some auditors suggest that to be in a

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### Moffatt new county warden

The 2016 Haliburton County council, back row from left, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Reeve Brent Devolin; Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts and Reeve Murray Fearrey; Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels; and Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Patridge and Reeve Dave Burton stand behind the new County Warden Carol Moffatt, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at county council chambers in Minden. Moffatt said tourism is her top priority during her inaugural address. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Increase of at least two per cent required

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healthy position, municipalities should have as much as the equivalent of half a year's tax levy in reserves.

Janke's draft, which included \$620,000 carved from roads and bridge capital, showed the county could do what it needed to do for the year with a tax increase for residents of 1.85 per cent.

In 2015, for every \$100,000 of assessment on residential properties, Haliburton County residents paid \$177.85 of tax to the county, \$263.70 for every \$100,000 of assessment for commercial properties.

A 1.85 per cent increase would mean those amounts would climb to \$181.15 and \$268.59, respectively, for every \$100,000 of assessment.

However, councillors weren't satisfied a 1.85 per cent increase would look after the county's need, including expansion of high-speed Internet and keeping reserve balances at a healthy level.

"We need to have reserves," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said, adding that when funding opportunities from the province and feds become available, the municipality will need matching funds.

Fearrey said an additional increase of at least two per cent – for a total of 3.85 per cent – would be required.

"Two per cent's a minimum," agreed Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

Council requested that scenarios looking at 3.85, 4.85 and 5.85 per cent tax rate increases be drawn up.

Budget talks will resume in January.

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## Families sit down with Santa

Santa was just one of the draws at the Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 13 at YMCA Wanakita on Koshlong Lake. It had everything from crafts for children to a breakfast buffet, live wildlife and photos with Santa. The free event, which has continued to grow in popularity with the young and young at heart, drew more than 400 people and was made possible by Wanakita and generous sponsors./DARREN LUM Staff



Raelyn Gottschalk, 3, laughs after visiting with Santa.



The Breakfast with Santa event included a breakfast buffet, live wildlife and Santa and drew more than 400 people on Saturday, Dec. 13 at YMCA Wanakita on Koshlong Lake.



Two-year-old Harper Hamilton of Minden makes an ornament at the craft table with her grandmother Donelda Smith.

# Compliance for campgrounds on environmental regs

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 14 meeting of Highlands East council.*

Highlands East council is asking staff to draw up a bylaw that would ensure campgrounds comply with the township's environmental regulations.

That recommendation came from the township's environmental committee.

"I think this is long overdue," said Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge. "We have sort of put this on the back burner for years and years."

Councillors Joan Barton was concerned about creating a framework where the township was policing one particular kind of business.

"I just don't want to set up a scenario that penalizes an entire group of business owners," Barton said, adding that was especially true if the program was being cre-

ated to deal with a single business owner with instances of non-compliance.

Partridge stressed that it was an environmental issue. "I think all of our campgrounds and trailer parks are on waterbodies," she said.

Staff will draw up a bylaw that will come back to council.

## Business retention and expansion

Councillors are supportive of a businesses retention and expansion plan being put together by a working group containing members of the township's economic development committee, which is working with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"A business retention and expansion program, really, is the heart blood of everything that drives us economically," said Councillor Cec Ryall.

Councillor Joan Barton said having such a plan in place will help the township attain grants.

"This is going to make all of our applications stronger,"

Barton said.

The creation of the plan will come with a \$7,500 price tag for the municipality.

## Re-examining wards

Council received a staff report on ward structure and council composition and will be discussing the issue further in January.

The Municipal Act allows councils to redivide municipal wards or dissolve existing wards.

Such a process is a lengthy one, requiring a public meeting, as well as a 45-day appeal period where residents can protest any changes to the Ontario Municipal Board.

For the current council term, public meetings would need to take place in 2016, with the whole process, including dealing with any appeals, complete by the end of 2017.



# Demand keeping pace with increased donations

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don't weigh or measure the amounts.

4Cs chairman David Ogilvie recalls one man arriving at the food bank with a pickup truck filled with food. He estimates it must have been about \$800 worth.

"I had to really work hard to get him to tell me his name," Ogilvie says. "He was humble about it all."

Most of the donations received by the 4Cs comes in around Christmastime and although donations are up this year, Ogilvie says demand is also up.

He believes the increase in demand has to do with the cost of living increasing faster than wages – groceries and hydro, for example, continue to climb in price while employment isn't keeping pace.

MacDuff says throughout the year the 4Cs has an average of between 100 and 110 clients using the food bank monthly. Families and individuals both count as clients, so 100 clients could mean many more than 100 people.

Over at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 4Cs volunteers were busy arranging new toys in aisles in the basement. After people receive vouchers, warm clothing and food at the Lily Ann, they are told to go to the church and pick out toys for their children.

Haliburtonians were generous as ever this year, volunteer Mary-Ann Dolstra says, with hundreds of toys lining the tables arranged according to gender and age. It took volunteers a day's worth of work spread over two morning sessions to get the room set up.

It's not only the 4Cs that has received exceptional support from the community.

SIRCH Community Services, which relies on charitable giving to run its food and bereavement programs, had raised more than \$22,000 by the end of last week. It's crucial that they do; between 35 and 40 per cent of the fundraised portion of their budget comes in during the last two weeks of their Gifts from the Heart campaign.

"We have quite a few donors who don't live in the county but are connected to our community in some way," says Gena Robertson, SIRCH executive director. "These people know our programs, the situation in the community (e.g. poverty and unemployment rates) they relate and give to help our residents."

Robertson noted that giving happens all year not only through financial donations, but through donations of gently used items to the Thrift Warehouse run by SIRCH, fresh produce donated to the Community Kitchen, cupboards donated to SIRCH Central, a pickup truck every week to gather donations for Thrift Warehouse, signs and printing and much more.

The county's two heat-related charities are both thanking the community for the support so far. The Heat Bank received more than \$12,000 at their fundraising night at Rhubarb, has received \$3,200 from the Realtors Care Foundation and about \$600 from a yoga fundraiser by Light Hatch Yoga in Haliburton.

"We are raising funds to provide assistance to the most vulnerable population, providing them with wood to heat their

homes as well as assisting them with oil and propane and stopping hydro disconnects," says Jessica Noble from A Place Called Home, which administers the Heat Bank program locally.

Most of the donations they receive come in between October and March, when cold weather is top of mind for most in the Highlands.

Likewise, Fuel for Warmth receives 90 per cent of its donations around the Christmas season – mostly in November and December, Joanne Barnes says.

"All monies raised go into fuel. We are volunteer driven, no wages, no administration costs," she says. The Christmas Shindig fundraiser brought in about \$18,000 for the organization, which puts them "well ahead" of donations from this time last year, she says.

Local sponsors as well as individual donations at the Shindig contributed to the strong financial position the charity is in.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is also finding the community

to be deeply giving this year.

"Our Christmas campaign, Believe in the Magic of Giving, has raised \$80,000, which is ahead of last year by \$14,000," says Dale Walker, executive director of the Foundation. Their fundraising goal is \$100,000 with money going to the emergency department's needs: infection control room, IV fluid/blood warmer, transport ventilator and patient monitoring system.

"The Christmas campaign is always our largest fundraising program and it is typically a time for people to give, whether it is the time of giving or for tax reasons or because people relate to what you are raising funds for or because they or a family member, friend, loved one received good health care," Walker says.

Over the years, the Christmas campaign has grown steadily. Walker says she remembers the first time they did it, she and campaign chairman Don Popple were in awe of raising \$35,000. Now they typically bring in between \$80,000 and \$107,000 each year.



4Cs volunteers worked hard to make Christmas a little easier on area families. On Thursday, Dec. 17, they gave out grocery store vouchers, hats and mittens and food to those who registered – about 217 of them. Toys were set up in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Haliburton for people to pick up to give to their kids for Christmas. Back row from left Nick Biljetina, David Ogilvie and Ron Mark. Front row from left, Julia Robertson, Judy MacDuff and Rose Barry. JENN WAIT Staff



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*The Christmas campaign is always our largest fundraising program and it is typically a time for people to give.*

— Dale Walker  
HHHS Foundation executive director

4Cs volunteers from left Mary-Ann Dolstra, Leslie Chumbley and Pat Hemphill stand amongst the huge volume of toys donated by Haliburton County residents and businesses for the annual toy drive. These have been given to families that registered with the food bank and given to their kids under the Christmas tree. JENN WAIT Staff

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### SBES in the spirit

Student Ali Humphrey sings *La danse de Noel* with the Grade 1 and 2 classes at the Stuart Baker Elementary School holiday concert Christmas Around the World on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in the gym at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Hundreds packed the Haliburton school at the annual event./DARREN LUM Staff



Grade 2 students Jordanna Jennings, left, Olivia Gruppe and Ty Rupnow perform *Feliz Navidad* and *Baile* at the Stuart Baker Elementary School holiday concert.



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## Christmas giving

**D**ESPITE international causes demanding attention and troubling economic news nationally, in Haliburton County it seems generosity springs eternal.

Speaking with representatives of charities most likely to rely on Christmas oriented donation campaigns we heard that all of them brought in more donations this year than the year before.

Both of the county's heat organizations attracted major dollars, each raising about \$20,000. SIRCH Community Services has seen \$22,000 coming in for its meal and bereavement programs as of last week and the health care foundation is on track to reach its \$100,000 goal for emergency room equipment.

All of this despite Canadians' hearts going out to the refugee crisis (more than \$15,000 raised locally so far) and a shakier economy than we've had in the last couple of years.

It says a lot about a place when people become more giving and compassionate the tougher things get. Rather than tighten purse strings, it seems Haliburtonians are finding more.

The 4Cs reports much of the same with chairman David Ogilvie telling a touching tale about a man who arrived at the food bank with a pickup truck filled with some \$800 worth of groceries.

Toy drives by the Home Builders Association, Bank of Montreal and others helped pack the basement of the Catholic church so that no child goes without something new and special under the tree this year.

But lest we think these charities are now taken care of, ready to solve the problems of the county, Ogilvie points out that demand is up.

Those who were at one time able to squeeze by on their part-time or minimum wage pay cheques are finding it harder to manage, he said, and the 4Cs is seeing people in need of assistance who are gainfully employed more and more.

Cost of living is going up and wages aren't keeping pace.

Think of what you paid for groceries last week versus what

you would have paid five or six years ago. Same goes for hydro rates. The price at the pumps. The list goes on.

As usual, the Highlands has come through again in so many ways this year. Our community is better for each gesture of generosity.

Let's make a New Year's resolution that the spirit we have felt this past month will stay with us all year long continuing to improve the lives of others through our hard-working local charities.



jenn watt

# Editorial



Rails end reflections

by Darren Lum

## Take time to love

GERALD IRISH

*A Senior's Moment*

I probably have told you (I've told everyone who will listen) that one of our granddaughters, Ashley Nicole, is living and working in South Korea. She, like her grandma and grandpa did, is working as a teacher. She is teaching English to Korean children.

She Skyped us to let us know that her thesis, entitled, "Exploring the hemispheric lateralization of the theory of minds" has been accepted for publication by the University of Berkeley in California in their journal. (What a title! It took three tries for her to get it correctly to me! I do not even pretend to comprehend the title. Wait until we receive our copy of this body of work. ) If you stop me for a visit, do not ask me to explain her epistle. I assure you, I will not be able to do so. But I will be able to brag about this little

girl who has brought joy into our lives long before some university got a hold of her.

This really made me stop and think. This is my little girl. Where did the time go? She's still my little girl. She always will be. When did she grow up so suddenly? Where have I been? I stopped also and took a closer look at my beautiful six other grandchildren. How proud I am of these fine young men and women! What wonderful lives they have made for themselves, their spouses and our great grandchildren. I must make sure that I let each and every one of them know of our love and our pride. This I must do. I don't want to leave it too late.

Ashley made me realize that my love and pride extends to all members of my family. Thanks, sweetie.

At this time of year, seniors, take time to reflect on the lives we affect and the love we can offer to each other.

Happy 2016 to everyone!

## Cultivating Compassion

BARBARA ROSEN

*Special to the Echo*

For just a few days when I departed from the cottage on Eagle Lake, I left behind one baby squirrel.

"You're in charge, Myles."

I called him Myles, my four-year-old grandson's name. It helped me connect to him in a warm loving way and because I'm missing my grandson who lives "miles" away in Vancouver.

"Good morning, Myles. How are you today?"

I greeted him in the wee hours before dawn, me in my rocker and he perched on the high beam next to the chimney. Once I began my meditation, I could hear his movements as he shimmied his way down to the floor, making his way to the small plastic garbage bin with the flip top. I supplied him with bait, peanut butter.

A few years ago, I had a red squirrel in the cottage for just one night. I didn't make friends with him. I didn't invite him to stay with me. I didn't make eye contact with him. I drove him out of the cottage, both of us frantic, me banging on my broom as he ran along the curtain rod. He managed to poke his way out through the kitchen window screen. The hole left serves

as a reminder.

As I look at myself now, I feel happy about how my practice of mindfulness since that episode has served me well. It has helped me cultivate compassion in this case for Myles and his other two friends. Yes, a few weeks ago, I had three baby squirrels: Myles 1, Myles 2 and Myles 3. With patience and breath and, my new practice, stepping forwards and backwards, watching boundaries between me and the squirrels – the latest practice that I learned in my teachings with horses – I trapped Myles 1 and Myles 2 in the flip top garbage can as they were ready to leave and as I was ready to let them go. I carried them out and walked them slowly and mindfully down the cottage road.

"Have a wonderful life!" I said as I opened the lid and set them free.

I have returned back to the cottage on Eagle Lake. I have been greeted, welcomed home by Myles 3. We'll take time to get to know each other once again, and I'm kind of hoping he'll stick around this week for Chanukah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, of the celebration of the miracle that happened so long ago...and of the celebration of everyday miracles in our lives.

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# points of view

## My gold medallist

**W**ANT TO HEAR SOME REALLY GREAT NEWS? My daughter Carmen won a gold medal in a high school wrestling tournament last week. And, as you might suspect, I'm incredibly proud of her.

Honestly, this is a truly momentous occasion as far as I'm concerned. Maybe your family has acquired an impressive collection of sports trophies and medals, but all this is new to me. Sure, we've won a few academic certificates, a modest collection of writing awards, some ribbons, a spelling bee or two and a World's Best Dad mug, which, if I am to be honest, I bought myself. What we are missing is sports bling – the kind that a dad can take partial credit for.

In fact, throughout the course of recorded history, I'm fairly certain not a single member of the Galea clan has ever won a gold medal. Admittedly, it's not exactly an Olympic gold. In fact, I suspect it might even be spray painted gold. That is beside the point though.

The point is my daughter now possesses all the qualifications needed to do cereal endorsements, Nike commercials, public speaking engagements and perhaps even take the World Wrestling Federation by storm. And she's going to need an agent who she can trust to look after her best interests and only take 10 per cent.



steve  
galea

### Loon Tales

There are other perks to this too.

For instance, when a young gentleman caller arrives at our house from here on in, I'll casually point out that Carm is a gold medal winner in a martial art.

I might even whisper, "Don't mess with her. They say she maimed a man during practice."

The father of a 16-year-old daughter could not ask for a better Christmas present.

Like all high school athletes, Carm worked very hard to earn this. She stayed late for practices; she arrived early for tournaments. She trained hard. She showed some real heart.

Her coaches were equally responsible for her success. They taught her everything she needed to succeed.

Not to brag, but just before the tournament, I did my part too. That's right, I gave her a bit of an inspirational talk myself. As she was getting out of the car, I looked her in the eye and, swear to God, said, "I really hope you win."

Then I winked.

My eyes well up every time I think about it. All I can say is I now know how Walter Gretzky feels.

As I write this, Carm is in southwestern Ontario visiting her older, medal-less brother – whom I still love too. He picked Carmen up directly from her victorious wrestling tournament, so I haven't actually got a chance to see or get my photo taken with the medal yet.

If I know Carm, she'll want me to keep this low-key. As a good father, I will have to respect her wishes. So right after the living room ticker-tape parade, the renaming of my backyard archery range in her honour and the first annual re-enactment of the final round of her tournament-win using hand puppets, I will proceed to do just that.

For this small window of time, however, I will celebrate my little girl's medal win. I'll also smile contentedly knowing that, in a few hundred years, our ancestors will look back upon this day and say, "And that was the first recorded incident of a Galea excelling at a sport. They say she maimed a man during practice too..."

I suspect Carmen will very likely be a tad upset by all this. She is, after all, a teenager. That means she has somehow forgotten how cool her father is. It also means she doesn't like me to write about her for some strange reason. Apparently, I make far too big a deal out of everything. In any case, I'm hoping she looks upon this column as an exception that can be attributed to an overly proud dad.

Failing that, here's hoping she goes easy on the full Nelson.

## pic of the past

**I**n this photo we see Olive and Bill Cowen, parents of Mae Francis (nee Cowen) who is still living in Haliburton. Submitted by Paul Cowen

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## letters to the editor

# Crosswalk well placed

To the Editor,

Re: "Scratching our heads," Haliburton Echo, Dec. 15

I would surmise from this letter that Baked and Battered are disappointed with the decision of the engineer hired to do a study and our township council's decision as to the best place for a second crosswalk in town. Baked and Battered have suggested that it should be placed opposite the traffic entrance/exit for the municipal lot and opposite their business.

When this entrance/exit was originally constructed it was made extra wide for the use of vehicles towing trailers, etc., when launching their boats and not for pedestrian traffic. The "throng of people" exiting the park have always exited at the wide, well constructed, stairs leading to Highland Street and the main businesses of Haliburton Village.

If I am not mistaken there is a flashing caution

light located at this corner. I believe the sign outside of their establishment points to parking in the rear. Did they not just increase the seating at their business while believing that crossing the road was a problem? Does this not make them responsible for their customers crossing the road when they cannot find parking in the rear?

I surmise that businesses are normally required to provide parking on site or pay in lieu based upon occupancy. Looking at the Baked and Battered parking lot and the increased seating I wonder how the required spaces provided or paid in lieu by Baked and Battered meet these requirements.

They hint that the "municipality (that would be the people) may be liable" and the engineers hired to make the appropriate decision are not looking after the best interests of all of our community. I beg to differ.

Bill Beatty  
Drag Lake

More letters to the Editor on page 12

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# Knitted Knockers give support to women with breast cancer

JENN WATT

Editor

It takes a quarter of a skein of yarn and a few hours to make a difference for a woman in need of a breast pro-

thesis.

Knitted Knockers Canada collects prostheses made of ultra pima cotton, which can be worn in a woman's bra, and gives them out for free to those who need them.

The program provides a simple pattern online for knitters to follow and asks that the completed garments be dropped off at one of dozens of locations in Canada. They are then stuffed with high quality fibre filling and mailed out to women who request them.

Local knitter Christine Bunn heard about the program from her sister and thought it would be perfect for Haliburton. She contacted the Canadian co-ordinator Nancy Thomson and set up knocker collection baskets at Marty's and JanKnit's in Haliburton. Both yarn shops are offering a 10 per cent discount on ultra pima cotton yarn for customers who intend to use it to make knockers.

Thanks to the work of fellow knitters Chris Whittemore and Leonora Marriner, 28 knockers have already been made.

"People are knitting these with love," says Bunn.

Women who have had breast cancer surgery and want to use a prosthesis sometimes find that the silicone versions are heavy and uncomfortable against the skin. The knitted knockers on the other hand are soft, light and can be adjusted to size.

Janet Sheehy, owner of JanKnit's, whipped up a knocker within about an hour one evening. She says the pattern is easy to follow and is much like making a toddler's tuque.

To find the pattern to make a Knitted Knocker or to



A complete "Knitted Knocker" is in the middle with two others at various stages of completion at JanKnit's Studio in Haliburton. Knitters are being asked to knit up the breast prostheses and drop them off at JanKnit's or Marty's in Haliburton and they will be distributed to women in need. JENN WATT Staff

request some, go to [www.knittedknockerscanada.com](http://www.knittedknockerscanada.com). The organizers ask that ultra pima cotton yarn is used and it can be purchased at both JanKnit's and Marty's. Both stores have signage and baskets set aside for the knockers.

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## Haliburton Forest preparing for beech bark disease

**To the Editor,**

As the owners and management of Haliburton Forest, we appreciated your article ("Beech bark disease rolling through county," 15 December 2015) highlighting the seriousness of beech bark disease. However, we wanted to emphasize there are three reasons to be hopeful about the future of our hardwood forests in Haliburton County.

Firstly, in partnership with other forest managers and scientists, we are developing practices for helping the forest recover from beech bark disease. This includes intensive harvests that are part of a long-term recovery strategy.

Secondly, we are adding value to every harvested beech tree, using local timber and local labour. We do this at our sawmill, our wood shop, and our paddle shop, and we thereby create economic activity from a resource which otherwise would be com-

pletely lost.

Thirdly, we are actively managing for other species like red oak that provide nuts throughout our forest. On an experimental basis, we are also planting various oaks and hickories that are native to southern Ontario, which may prosper up here due to climate change.

Beech bark disease is one of the greatest environmental disasters facing Haliburton County, and we are doing our best to mitigate the effects of this disaster. Public education is a critical part of our strategy, and so we thank you again for bringing much-needed attention to this issue.

**Peter Schleifenbaum, Registered Professional Forester Director of Haliburton Forest  
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# 'Miracle baby' will celebrate first Christmas

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Close to one year after baby Prudence Evelyn-Anne Christie was released from the hospital, her parents Mark Christie and Nicole Hanna reflect on the strong community support they continue to receive for their baby who nearly died at birth.

"We stand together in this community. When there is someone hurting in this community there always seems like there is help. You know about it," says Christie. "When something happens here there is already a line-up of people saying, 'how can I help?' To experience that it shows you something about where you live."

"It's scary to think about if we were living somewhere else how that process would have been. I don't know if we would have gotten as much help ... I think we were in the best place to live when everything was going down."

Pru, who has a 13-member medical team of professionals such as audiologist, physiotherapist, and pediatricians, has a variety of lifelong challenges related to the complications she had at birth.

Currently, the disabilities she faces range from deafness and speech challenges to physical development. She is deaf in her left ear to high frequencies and the right she doesn't have much hearing. This affects her speech. An early medical assessment by two pediatricians has diagnosed Pru with spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, which affects all four of her limbs. Her parents have been told there will be an accurate diagnosis about the long-term effects when she turns two. It is unknown at this time whether Pru will be able to walk. There is a chance she could walk with braces.

Despite the many unknowns, Christie and Hanna are focusing on the present, spending time with their daughter rather than focusing on the challenges.

"We're just trying to spend as much time with her and not [get super] worried about it because it's important to spend time with her. She's pretty fun. A lot of people can't really see any disability other than the hearing aids," he said.

Christie smiles when he looks at his daughter, who doesn't look any different than a healthy baby girl except for the hearing aids.

She has been his light in a dark time for the family.

"It really puts into perspective just what is possible. Everything we hear from medical professionals nowadays we take with a grain of salt because ... it's not that the doctors were wrong, but they may have been a little aggressive towards the comfort and care thing," he said.

Hanna said baby Pru gave them the strength when little hope was given by doctors.

"She makes it easy because she is such a happy baby and she's always trying to do what she shouldn't do [according to doctors]," she said.

Christie draws strength from his daughter and knows he will do whatever it takes because of her.

"When you get that close to losing something that special it makes you want to do anything to make their lives easier and me and Nicole have matured a lot from that. We're just trying to get the best possible life together for her and us. It's getting there one piece at a time for sure," he said.

The family continues to be recognized and stopped by strangers in the street because of the *Echo* article earlier this year. Hanna and Christie appreciate the sup-



Haliburton's Mark Christie and fiancé Nicole Hanna sit with daughter Prudence Evelyn-Anne Christie at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The young couple is appreciative of the Highlands community for their support and prayers since Pru's fight for her life was publicized in the *Echo* close to a year ago. Pru, who has been diagnosed with spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy related to the challenges at birth, continues to give the family strength with her ability to prove the doctors wrong./DARREN LUM Staff

port.

"Now that she is physically better people don't just forget about her ... They want to know how she is continuing to do and progress. It's nice," she said.

The parents can't thank the community enough for the help and the prayers.

They are appreciative of the treatment centre Five Counties Children's Centre and not-for-profit support agency Point in Time's Cynthia Hutchinson, an early years interventionist.

They said Five Counties is assisting with Pru's therapies for speech, occupational therapy and physiotherapy and meeting costs such as the required hearing aids. Pru is using a loaned pair until her own pair costing thousands can be purchased.

Besides not being able to thank everyone, the parents wished they could provide more time for people to spend with Pru. It's difficult because of medical visits and work schedules.

"Pru loses out on time with people and lots of people don't get to see Pru as much as we'd like and ... we are thankful for everyone's support even though we can't always be there in person to thank them," Christie said.

The family has since moved to Haliburton from West Guilford where it is more convenient for work and health care.

They are looking at the brighter side of things compared to how dire the situation was early in Pru's life.

"It's still a pretty happy ending considering where everything was at the last time. She wasn't supposed to be able to ... feed, breathe, or anything ... but 80 per cent of the [abilities] they said she couldn't do she is doing," he said.

Hanna adds Pru was not supposed to have been breathing without assistance or oxygen, would lack a suck reflex, which

would prevent her from eating on her own, and be unable to socialize.

Pru's parents know at this point in their daughter's life there are more challenges ahead.

However when they see the same doctors who doubted Pru would survive there is a certain level of satisfaction.

"It's just the little things you take for granted," Christie said.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,  
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

#### APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2015-017 – King and Grigore
  - Purpose and Effect: to permit the construction of a private garage on a lot located in the RS-4 zone:
    - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 1.6 metres (5 feet) as opposed to required minimum of 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
  - Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Dysart (Grass Lake – County Road 21).

**ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Committee of Adjustment



# Warm weather and no snow hurting area tourism

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The December that Haliburton County residents have been experiencing has been disastrous for some.

That was the word Chris Bishop used to describe the effect the weather has been having on his business.

The owner/operator of Sir Sam's Ski/Ride has had to delay the opening of the ski hill located in Eagle Lake by a couple of weeks, with plans to open it on Dec. 19.

Although it won't mark the latest opening he's ever experienced since introducing artificial snow making 27 years ago, it will be the first time the hill has opened this late with only one run available to ski.

"We'll have one run and one lift open," he said. "We'll be opening with the most limited amount of runs we've ever had before."

It's not the lack of snow that's affecting Bishop so much as it is the mild weather, as the ski hill can't make snow when temperatures are hitting eight degrees on some days.

For Sir Sam's the ideal temperature to make snow is somewhere between minus five and minus 10 degrees, said Bishop.

"It's cold weather that the whole industry needs, you can't open on natural snow anymore," he said. "It's really better to make your snow on frozen ground."

Bishop said the delay has affected the business's revenue, as you can't make money if you're not open.

"Thirty-six per cent of the ski businesses revenue is made over the Christmas holidays [for the whole season]," he

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*It's disastrous for the whole industry.*

— Chris Bishop

Sir Sam's Ski/Bike owner/operator

said. "The whole industry is going to die."

The owner points to other areas that are also facing a crisis, such as Blue Mountain in Collingwood, which has reopened some of its summer activities such as mini putt, according to reports.

"It's disastrous for the whole industry," said Bishop.

Last winter Dysart recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller brought a new winter activity to the area by creating a skating oval in the middle of Head Lake Park.

A popular attraction, the oval was constructed at the end of December and lasted until mid-March.

Mueller was planning on starting work on the oval before Christmas this year, but the weather has set her and parks and recreation director Ray Miscio behind schedule.


She is hoping the weather turns around, as she is still hoping to build the skating oval this winter.

"It was a big hit last year and we would be disappointed if the weather didn't cooperate for us," she wrote in an email.



The Haliburton County Rail Trail, seen here Dec. 17, is typically closed to foot traffic this time of year for the use of snowmobiling. However there is no snowmobiling to be had. The lack of snow and cold temperatures across the county has had an impact on many business and tourism operators. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

## Christmas Season 2015



### Solemnity of Christmas

**Christmas Eve**  
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**Christmas Day**  
Bancroft – Friday, December 25th – 9:00 am

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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Bancroft – Sunday, December 27th – 9:00 am

### Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

**New Year's Eve**  
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### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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The municipality is planning a nighttime skating event at the oval for January, at this point though the date is up in the air.

Senior climatologist for Environment Canada David Phillips says he has seen a December like this before, however this year is different because of the combination of lack of snow and warm temperatures.

"It's almost as if what I describe as the feel and the look of winter," he said. "I look out there and I don't know what season it is ... there's no leaves on the trees, the sun is shining, the grass is greener now than it was in July and yet people are walking about with jackets on."

Phillips said even areas such as Timmins and Sudbury are experiencing much less snow than typical for this time of year and he doesn't anticipate a white Christmas for Haliburton County.

"It might be one of the rarities, a green Christmas," he said. "I can't believe I'm even saying that."

The climatologist said he knows not everyone is upset at the mild temperatures and greenery, even if it's an unpopular opinion.

"A lot of people are saying well no we're only owed this, two tough winters in a row, hey this is about time we get a break," said Phillips. "There are some people who are hovering over the weather forecast because their livelihood depends on it."

Experience broker and tourism promoter Barrie Martin can attest to the December weather having an effect on his livelihood.

"In November I was getting a lot of inquiries for winter adventures but lately with the uncertainty of winter the number of inquiries (and bookings) have dropped significantly," he wrote in an email to the paper. "I am promoting experiences that are less snow dependent such as ice climbing and ice fishing (assuming cold

weather)."

Extending the ski season into spring, to offset the December loss, isn't something Bishop is counting on at this point as that's not really how Mother Nature operates and people don't want to be skiing in April.

"People stop coming after March Break," he said. "We're weather farmers, we have no control over our destiny, that's the frustrating thing about this business."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the ski hill, which are celebrating by offering special retro price discounts on opening day.

Bishop said it's not just him that's concerned about the effect the weather is having on area business, as the lack of cold and snow is delaying snowmobiling, ice fishing and much more.

"Nobody's buying snow shovels, nobody's buying snowblowers, winter coats, socks and tuques. It's having an effect on everybody," said Bishop.

Those who are enjoying the milder temperatures aren't in the clear yet, as Phillips says winter will eventually find its way to Ontario.

"Winter will come, it just means it will be shorter," he said.

Because Haliburton is populated with lakes, Phillips said the lake effect means we could just see more snow later in the season.

"What we may see this year is that we'll get the snow, and it may come and go but then the season of the lake effect may go on longer. We may be seeing lake effect in March, where often it can be cut off end of January," said Phillips.

In terms of temperatures, this past November/December has broken records, with an temperature average of 3.4 degrees. The previous record was 1.4 degrees in 2001.

The typical temperature for the month of December is -5.9 degrees, said Phillips.





### Christmas tunes and cheer at JDHES

Above, Grade 5 students play Christmas melodies on their recorders at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School's annual Christmas concert on Dec. 17.

Above right, the JDHES choir sang a number of tunes at the elementary school's annual Christmas concert including *Winter Wonderland*, *Frosty the Snowman* and *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*. The sing-along was met with much enthusiasm from the crowd. It was a full house for the afternoon performance which featured students in every grade performing for family and loved ones.

Right, the Grade 4 class performs *Bob the Goofy Reindeer* at the annual Christmas concert at JDH Elementary School. Held in the school's gymnasium, there was standing room only for the afternoon performance.

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**WES students wish you Merry Christmas**

The students of Mrs. Smith's Grade 5/6 class spelled out Merry Christmas in an acrostic poem during the Wilberforce Elementary School Christmas concert on Dec. 17, at the Lloyd Watson Centre. JENN WATT Staff



Destiny Storey illustrated a line in The Grinch of preferring a seasick crocodile in the Wilberforce Elementary School Christmas Concert at Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce Dec. 17. JENN WATT Staff



Owen Deterling was the T in "Christmas" as part of Mrs. Smith's Grade 5/6 acrostic poem at the annual Christmas concert at Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. JENN WATT Staff



Isaiah Donaldson wouldn't touch the Grinch, played by Justin Pettipas-Elkins, with a 39 1/2 foot pole. He was part of Mrs. Bowker's Grade 4/5 class presentation of The Story of the Grinch on Thursday, Dec. 17. JENN WATT Staff

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# New club perfect for foodies

ANGELICA INGRAM  
Staff Reporter

There's a new club in town that's easy to join, has no meetings and provides the most delicious food.

The Bread and Bagel Club is a creative initiative started by Janine Papadopoulos of Into the Blue Bakery.

An entrepreneur, Papadopoulos began her wood fired pizza business in the summer of 2014 by taking her red mobile oven to markets and festivals around Haliburton County and beyond.

"This year at the [farmers'] market I decided to try bagels," she said. "So here I am with a new business and wondering how I can extend the business ... in the off season."

In an effort to grow her business, the owner/operator has expanded to make bread products throughout the winter months.

The items can be ordered on a weekly basis, as regularly or irregularly as you wish. Papadopoulos sends out an email to customers every week (or less if preferred), with a variety of items to choose from, and orders can be placed right online.

"I probably started sending it to about 15 [people] initially," she said. "So every week I send out what I'm offering to make."

Customers can order as few or many items from the list as they want, with each item costing \$5. Items can include six sesame seed bagels, six ciabatta buns, sourdough loafs, pizza doughs and much more.

Each week orders are available for pick-up at Abbey Gardens or Baked and Battered. Papadopoulos is currently seeking a Minden location for pick-up services.

Now in its ninth week, the club has been garnering a lot of support through word of mouth, said Papadopoulos. She currently sends out the club emails to about 70 people per week, and gets anywhere from 18 to 25 orders. She is hoping to get around 35 orders per week, an amount that will help sustain her business year

round.

"The great thing is I have no lost product, I am baking to order," said Papadopoulos. "So this way I'm selling to people that I know are buying."

So far the baker has gotten positive feedback about her new venture. If her business grows bigger than 35 orders a week Papadopoulos could potentially bring on an additional staff member.

The emails get sent out on Mondays and orders have to be in by Tuesday evening. The products get baked on Thursday and Friday, with pick-up on Friday afternoons.

"If you were to go right at 2 p.m. [for pick-up] some of the bread would still be steaming," she said. There is no membership fee to join the club.

The entrepreneur is still making her wood-fired pizza at events and is available for private functions.

For more information about the club contact Papadopoulos at [intothebluebakery@gmail.com](mailto:intothebluebakery@gmail.com) or call 705-854-2662.



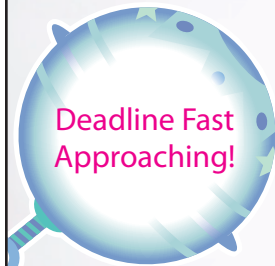
Sesame seed bagels are just one of the items available through a new bread and bagel club, an initiative of Into the Blue Bakery. The club sends out weekly emails to members and delivers fresh baked bread to various locations every Friday. Submitted



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### Highland Wood gets festive visit

Girl Guide Evelyn, at front, does hand motions as she sings a Christmas song along with Pathfinders Emily and Morgan B. and Ranger Morgan P. at Highland Wood.

Guides belt out Christmas tunes in the dining hall of Highland Wood long-term care home on Tuesday, Dec. 15. From left, Jocelyn (Guide), Morgan P. (Ranger), Kylie (Guide), and Tamara (Guide). Residents sang along with many of the popular holiday tunes. This is an annual tradition for the local Guides, Pathfinders, Brownies and Sparks. JENN WATT Staff



Residents at Highland Wood long-term care home in Haliburton enjoyed the Christmas carols sung by the local Girl Guides group on Tuesday, Dec. 15. JENN WATT Staff



### OPP fill cruisers for food bank

Constable Alan Jozwiak, left, Auxiliary Sergeant Wilf VanLieshout and Auxiliary Constable Marc Jones collect a food donation on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Haliburton Foodland. The collection, which included Todd's Independent Grocer, was donated to the Haliburton Food Bank. The OPP thank Foodland owner Brad Park and Todd's owner Steve Todd for their cooperation and help. The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the OPP and the auxiliary unit are thankful to the community, as it collected more than 400 bags of food, including cash donations and toys. /DARREN LUM Staff



A small group of Girl Guides, Brownies, Sparks and Pathfinders filled the room with their cheerful voices as they led the residents of Highland Wood in song Dec. 15.

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# Hawks dominating Kawartha

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter



From top left, the Red Hawks defenders Devon Bangay, left, and Drew Van Lieshout converge on an LCVI Spartans defender; Hawks centre Jalen Campbell drives to the hoop against an LCVI Spartans defender; Hawks forward Hunter Smith, who led the team with 16 points, takes the ball to the hoop against an LCVI Spartans defender in Kawartha West High School League action on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in Haliburton. The Hawks easily beat the Spartans 37-24 to remain undefeated in league play./DARREN LUM Staff

After their last two games where both ended in climactic fashion, the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball made quick work of the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans in its most recent game.

On Wednesday afternoon, the second game of a Kawartha West High School League double-header (the first showcasing the junior squads for both schools), the Hawks ran out to a 11-2 lead in the first quarter as a result of a stifling full court press defence and poor shooting from the field for the Spartans.

"We're really keyed in on that [full court press]. We're really working well as a unit to make sure that we're running the system the way we've practiced," coach Dave Waito said.

Waito appreciated the game for how it lacked the drama of the previous two games – the triple overtime win and the buzzer beater win. He believes the lower intensity of the game led to greater turnovers for his team.

"They've been emotional games that we played ... and they've pushed us to the limit at the end of the game and I think we're seeing that right before the winter break. I think we're a little worn down. Just because we're worn down doesn't mean we roll over and that's what tonight was. I wouldn't say it was our most emotionally high effort, but we took care of business by running the system and by staying focused and by making things happen," he said.

This team has a short bench with only three extra players.

The Hawks forward Hunter Smith led the charge in the first half, scoring 12 of his 16 points in the game. At the half, the Hawks were in control, leading 21-9.

Although the Spartans equaled the Hawks in the third quarter 9-9 and only lost the fourth by one-point 7-6, it was far from enough to erase the first half 11-point lead.

Part of the team's effort to maintain focus and discipline is to add to the playbook, Waito said.

The team employed an offence to spread out the defence, employing a high and low scoring option.

One Hawks player runs along the baseline looking for an opening while another stays at the high post for another scoring option. Variations of it will be developed during the season, Waito said.

"We got some good looks out of it and I thinking building composure in our offence is something that came out of tonight as of a positive," he said.

However Waito said turnovers were a concern despite the great job his team did on the boards.

"We turned the ball over a lot, but we did a great job on the boards and we've been focusing on that because our first four games of the year we didn't rebound very well. Tonight, boxing out – I think Nick [Thompson] had 16 rebounds, I think Jalen [Campbell] had eight. Those stat lines are a big win for us," he said.

Thompson also helped on the scoresheet, finishing with 11 points.

Waito continues to tell his team to be ready for the upcoming rematches against Kawartha West opponents, the Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School and the Wildcats of I.E. Weldon Secondary School. Both teams want nothing more than to avenge the losses in front of their fans.

"We're going to have to step it up so I think that is something to focus on," he said.

The Hawks continue to be undefeated in Kawartha league play.

With an upcoming broken schedule, as the team won't play for two weeks due to holidays and then return for three weeks before the exam break. It's something he and the coaching staff recognize as a challenge towards keeping focused.

The first break will be the first test for his hot team.

"It'll be interesting to see. It'll be an important thing to key on when we come back from this is to keep the momentum going because it's with us right now. We've won seven in a row, including the tournament games. We've won five in a row league games so to pick up where we have left off when we come back from break will be our challenge," he said.

The team's first game after the holidays is on the road against Brock on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

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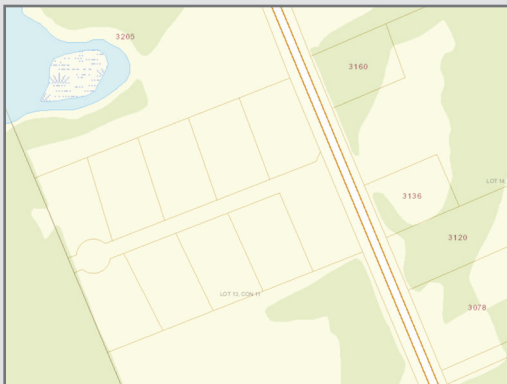
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The Red Hawks forward Nolan Flood has the puck poked away from him by a St. Peter Saints defender during a Kawartha High School Hockey League home game on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Haliburton lost to the league's first place Saints 7-1. / DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks centreman Noah Dollo, who scored the only goal for Haliburton, watches his shot beat the St. Peter Saints goalie, but go wide during a home game on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.



The Red Hawks defenceman Owen Flood moves to a loose puck in the defensive zone, as a St. Peter Saints player forechecks during a home game on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

# Saints show Hawks no mercy at A.J. LaRue

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

It was their game the Red Hawks boys' hockey team coach said after a 7-1 home loss to the St. Peter Catholic Secondary School.

Head coach Ron Yake conceded the Saints was the better team on Thursday afternoon at the A.J. LaRue despite a strong effort.

"We had a good effort. Everyone worked hard, but we were just short guys. It's hard to work hard and ... when the puck is going in our net and they're having a bit of luck it's frustrating for the guys especially when you work hard," he said. "Some games you play and the puck just seems to go in the net for you," he said, referring to last year's playoff game blowout against the Campbellford Flames where it seemed most pucks directed at the net went in. "The puck was going in the net for them. That definitely gave them the spark they needed at the start and we couldn't really [recover] after that."

Key players missing from the lineup were defenceman Max MacNaull, who was with his club team, while injuries to Owen Patterson Smith, who suffered a torn lung, and Mat Wilbee, who is still recovering from a leg injury, are not expected back until late-January.

He wants to get his defenceman to join the offence.

"We need our defence to jump up and pressure their team a little bit more through the neutral zone," he said.

Although the red and white didn't showcase it against the Saints, the team has been working on its defense, which was evident the day before on the road against the third place Campbellford Flames 7-2 the day before.

Yake said this blowout loss is "just one of those games [every team has]" and it comes against a strong team.

"They are the top team in our league. They haven't lost and there is a reason why. They're definitely a good team," he said.

The Saints are undefeated through five games and are on top of the Kawartha High School Hockey League standings with 10 points. After the loss the Hawks dropped to 4-2-1 and are in second place by one point.

To the team's credit, it did work hard when the score was lopsided, which wasn't lost on Yake.

"I'm proud of the guys' effort. They didn't fall apart in the third period. They stuck with it, which is sometimes a hard thing to do when you're getting shellacked," he said. "Good for our guys with staying with it and not filling the penalty box and just working hard and finishing out the game."

Late in the third period, the Hawks' effort was rewarded, as centreman Noah Dollo scored the team's only goal.

After the holidays, the Hawks will get another test, as it will face some of the best team's in the area at the 13th annual St. Peter Classic Hockey Tournament in Peterborough during the first week of January. It will be playing in the A division and could get its first opportunity to play the Saints again and avenge this lopsided loss.

Yake said he and his players are looking forward to it. The blowout won't be forgotten and serve as motivation for a better showing.



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Left, the Red Hawks junior boys' basketball centre Jonas Hill attempts to block a shot from an LCVI Spartans player during a home game on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in Haliburton.


Below, the Red Hawks junior forward Alex Petrie reaches for a loose ball

/DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks junior guard Sam Longo drives past his defender./DARREN LUM Staff

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Junior Hawks building on experience

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

It's all coming together said the junior Red Hawks basketball coach Paul Longo following a competitive game against the visiting Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans on Wednesday, Dec. 16 in Haliburton.

Although the red and white fell short of beating the Spartans, who held off a surging Hawks team 49-42 after they built an insurmountable 24-9 lead at the half, there were plenty of positives.

Longo said the slow start was part of the defensive scheme – half zone and half man-to-man coverage – the Spartans were playing with, which threw off the Hawks.

By the second half Longo made an adjustment, countering with an offence that used a flood to one side with a two guard front that enabled a player to come to the weak side for a scoring chance.

The Hawks executed the offence and surged in the second half, scoring 79 per cent of their game total. Longo was proud of how his team outscored the Spartans 33-25 despite the eventual loss.

He credited his son, point guard Sam Longo, with being able to generate ball movement and appreciated his team's shooting efficiency on the open looks at the basket generated.

"Sam did a great job distributing the ball so that was the key, getting the ball into our guys and moving the ball around and getting the zone moving and opening up for our shots. The shots were going in ... when you're taking good shots they might go in – I mean square to the hoop, good form and time to shoot. They should go in," he said.

Sam led all players with 17 points for the game, all of them coming in the second half. He was followed closely by teammate Brandon Verstege, who also scored the bulk of the second half points with 11 points and 13 in the game.

Coming into the game, the Spartans were 3-1 in Kawartha West High School League play. The Hawks are winless in Kawartha West this season.

The last four games, which includes a tournament win and a six-point loss to Fenelon Falls, there has been noticeable quality to the team's play, Longo said.

"We're getting there. We're seeing good progress from the guys. We're really feeling good about after Christmas how things are going to shape up," he said.





## Red Wolves victorious

The Red Wolves curling team of Robert Boccitto, left, Dawn Piercy, Brent Leffering, Skylar Pratt, Trevor Brauer and coach, Dave McKay are going to Kingston on Jan. 9 to compete in the next round after winning the Special Olympics Regional Tankard playdown on Dec. 5 at the Minden Curling Club. The region two event included a field of 25 athletes from Mississauga, Orillia, Weston and Haliburton. The day was filled with excitement but in the end our Wolves won. Weston came second and Orillia finished third. We wish them all the best. Submitted by Yvette Brauer

# Local football players selected to play U.S.

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A tryout earlier this month for Team Ontario is giving a pair of local teenaged football players an opportunity to showcase their skills south of the border, who are looking to further their playing careers beyond high school.

The childhood friends and Red Hawks football teammates Sage Christiano and Kyle Lavergne will be part of the provincial team under-18 that will play Team USA in the annual International Bowl game at the AT&T Stadium, home of the NFL Dallas Cowboys in Texas this coming February.

Christiano, an offensive lineman that has most recently played with the Ontario Varsity Football League's Oshawa Hawkeyes, is very excited to have made the team and loves that he can share the experience with his friend.

"It's great to have the experience to go and play at this level and play in the Dallas Cowboys stadium, but to share that with a teammate and someone I have known since my early childhood makes it that much better," Christiano said.

Christiano first learned of the news on Dec. 7 and said this is the result of hard work and dedication.

"It just goes to show that perseverance pays off. I'm very fortunate to have the support of my family, friends, and community. I will be going to Texas with my teammate and friend, Kyle Lavergne. As for family and friends, at the moment, eve-

rybody wants to come, but we'll see what happens," he said.

To Lavergne, a wide receiver, the news came as a shock, as this enables him to play the best in North America.

"It's huge making this team... I never thought I could get to make a team Ontario and represent my province in USA," he wrote in an email.

The selection came at time when Lavergne was figuring out where he would like to play after high school. This past summer he played in the Ontario Football Conference with the Peterborough Wolverines' varsity team and has recently committed to attending McMaster University.

He's proud of his selection that included a field of elite players from across the province.

"It's just crazy to think about being on the team. And especially coming from a small town it's cool that me and Sage can share the experience together. This team is coached by university coaches so not only do we get to learn and get exposure but we get to spend a week with university coaches from around Ontario and get exposure in the states," he said.

The two friends continue to train together every week.

This is not only a showcase of individual talents, but also an opportunity to be a representative of Canada.

"I know for me it'll be the biggest week thus far regarding football. I also want to try and prove to people that Canada can play with the States when it comes to football," he said.

# Galea grapples with gold

The HHSS Wrestling Team wrapped up its pre-Christmas tournament schedule last week.

Nine Red Hawks travelled to Port Hope to compete at the Port Hope Wrestling Invitational Tournament on Dec. 15, which hosted more than 230 athletes from around the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) and Durham Regions.

The day ended with Aidan Coles and Jackson Gartshore each placing third in

their respective divisions. Cassidy Glecoff wrestled well to place fourth.

Carmen Galea led the Red Hawks. She went undefeated and returned home as the champion in her weight class.

Congratulations to the entire team for a great first half of the season. Practices will resume after the Christmas break to prepare for the championship run beginning in February.

Submitted by Paul Klose

## Notices



## Municipality of Dysart et al

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## NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday February 1st, 2016
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office  
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

### APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Eternal Elixir Inc.:
  - Purpose and Effect: The proposed by law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit a workshop and retail store to accommodate a business that prepares and markets health, wellness and beauty products.
  - Zone change from "RU1" and "RU1L" to "OS-1" and "CH-xx".
  - Location: Part Lot 31, Concession 9, and Part Lot 30, Concession 10 Geographic Township of Dysart (County Road 19).
2. Lands of Dysart et al:
  - Purpose and Effect: The proposed by law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit a retirement complex, which may include a health centre, a range of housing options, an accessory retail store, an accessory personal service shop and an accessory restaurant.
  - Zone change from "RU1" to "IU-xx".
  - Location: Part Lots 6 & 7, Concession 8, Part 4, Plan 19R-7855, Geographic Township of Dysart (County Road 21 and Wonderland Road).

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**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

**Dated** at the Township of Dysart, this 22nd day of December, 2015.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., RPP  
Director of Planning and Development

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## UPCOMING Community Events

### Winter Fun@ Haliburton County Public Library

When: December 19, 2015  
Where: Minden Hills Branch 2pm, Stanhope Branch 11am, Dysart Branch 10:30am, Wilberforce Branch 2pm  
Story and craft  
Contact: 705-286-2491 Minden Hills Branch, 705-489-2402 Stanhope Branch, 705-457-1791 Dysart Branch, 705-448-2510 Wilberforce Branch or info@haliburtonlibrary.ca

### Haliburton School of The Arts Student Show and Exhibition

When: Saturday December 19, 2015 10am-3:00pm  
Where: Fleming College, 297 College Drive, Haliburton  
A show and sale of the works of the 2015 fall graduates of the Haliburton School of the Arts  
Contact: Erin Lynch 705-457-1680 or 1-866-353-6464

### Christmas Cantata followed by The Sweet Taste of Christmas

When: Sunday December 20th at 7:00pm  
Where: Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden.  
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### ESSONVILLE HISTORIC CHURCH – CHRISTMAS SERVICE

When: Sunday, December 20, 7 pm  
Where: Essonville Historic Church on Essonville Line  
Celebrating Christmas with music and entertainment.

### Free Public Skating

When: Wednesday, December 23, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Wednesday December 30, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Where: Keith Tallman Memorial Arena  
Details: For more information visit: <http://www.highlandseast.ca/article/skating-in-highlands-east>

### HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, December 23, 10:30 am to Noon.  
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

### Free public skating sponsored by Karen Nimigon

When: December 30/15 11:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Where: A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

### The Township of Minden Hills Family Fun New Year's Eve

When: Thursday December 31st 6:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Where: SG Nesbitt Arena  
This is a free event for all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult) that includes public skating, hot chocolate, tobogganing.  
Contact: Elisha Weiss 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

### New Years Eve Celebrations

When: Thursday, December 31, 2015  
Where: Wilberforce Legion, Wilberforce

### Free public skating sponsored by Karen Nimigon

When: January 2/16 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, Minden

### Kinmount Winterfest

When: Sunday, February 21, 2016  
Where: Kinmount Fairgrounds and Kinmount Community Centre  
What: Pancake Breakfast at Kinmount Community Centre from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Festivities at Kinmount Fairgrounds 11-3 Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee For Planning Check Website: [Kinmount.ca](http://Kinmount.ca) for further information  
Contact: Diane Austin, 705 488-2635

### Annual Dinner Auction

When: Saturday, April 30th 5:30-11:00 P.M.  
Where: Galway Hall  
What: Roast Beef Dinner, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffles Tickets: \$25.00 for Sale at 705 488-2635 Check website: [Kinmount.ca](http://Kinmount.ca) for further information  
Contact: Diane Austin, 705 488-2635

# Attend a Christmas day service

Families and friends gathered at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on the afternoon of Dec. 17 for the Wilberforce Elementary School Christmas concert. As always they waited in anticipation for the appearance of their young players to hit the stage.

The Grade 4/5 class presented their interpretation of the Grinch stealing Christmas. Costumes, props, makeup and set helped to tell story. The young actors moved appropriately.

The Acrostic Poem of the Grade 5/6 class appeared to share what they felt each letter of MERRY CHRISTMAS stood for. Their artwork on their letter signs was well received. Their singing of *Jingle Bell Rock* went well.

We suspect the ideas presented in Vignettes: What Christmas Isn't were meant to humorously remind the audience of all the hard work and much time spent preparing for Christmas. Young actors moved well as expected.

The students appeared to enjoy themselves performing in costumes as they entertained their special fans.

The school break for two weeks begins Monday, Dec. 21. The students return to studies Monday, Jan. 4. Best wishes to them and their teachers for a pleasant safe holiday.

The Essonville historic church once again provided many people with a fine opportunity to join in many favourite carols on Sunday, Dec. 20. During this evening service Christmas stories in prose and poetry were told and read. Thanks to all the presenters and the folks who love this annual event and responded as the old bell rang out in the valley and the anticipation of hearing the old pump organ invited them back.

If you desire to attend a church service on Christmas Day you are welcome at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce at 10 a.m. or at St. George's Haliburton where the service begins at 10:30 a.m.

We wish readers of this column a very Merry Christmas. We return Jan. 5.

-Hilda Clark

# Happy New Year from West Guilford

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Carols at 8:00 pm &  
Service at 8:30 pm

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The realtors at Century 21 Granite Realty Group each donated to give the local food bank a boost this Christmas. They ended up raising \$500 for the 4Cs and presented the cheque to chairman David Ogilvie and treasurer and vice-chairwoman Judy MacDuff on Friday, Dec. 11 at their office in Haliburton. From left, Ogilvie, Brandon Nimigon, Anne Hodgson, Mark Dennys, MacDuff, Greg Stamp, Kim Stamp, Andrew Hodgson and Cathy Chumbley. Broker of record and owner Andrew Hodgson said Century 21 appreciates the work done by the 4Cs and hopes that other local businesses use the holidays to pitch in as well. JENN WATT Staff



Amanda Rico and Abby Hagerman of Light Hatch Yoga Studio hosted a fundraiser on Dec 4 for the Heat Bank. \$585 was raised to help keep families in need warm this winter. The Heat Bank is administered by A Place Called Home, which helps anyone with housing, heating or other social assistance needs. From left, Rico, Jessica Noble from A Place Called Home, and Hagerman. Photo submitted



Front row from left, Becky English, Jessica Noble and Tina Jackson accepted a \$3,240 cheque from Muskoka Haliburton Orillia -The Lakelands Association of Realtors president Tom Wilkinson and executive officer Crystal Henderson on behalf of the Haliburton County Heat Bank. Back row from left, local realtors Hilary Elia, Mark Dennys, Andrea Strano, Jeff Strano, Brandon Nimigon, Ken Barry, Anne Hodgson and Andrew Hodgson. This donation was on behalf of the Ontario Realtors Care Foundation, which receives monthly donations from more than 680 realtors. The Heat Bank has partnered with A Place Called Home in helping vulnerable county residents to heat their homes, whether with wood or other heat sources. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Bargain Shop held a toy drive for the month of December and decided to once again support Point in Time. All toys are distributed through Point in Time to families and children in Haliburton County. This year's goal was \$4,000 and they came out around \$4,600. Point in Time is thankful for the generosity and kindness of everyone involved. From left, Steve Davies, Cynthia Hutchinson of Point in Time, Amanda Tripp of Point in Time and Lisa Hamilton of Point in Time. Submitted



Cottage Dreams program manager Debbie Farrell, second from front left, accepts a \$1,390 donation from Tom Wilkinson, far left, president of The Lakelands Association of Realtors for Muskoka, Haliburton, Orillia outside the Village Barn on Dec. 8. The donation came on behalf of the association through the Ontario Realtors Care Foundation. Cottage Dreams is a local not-for-profit organization that helps those touched with cancer recover at a donated cottage. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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a dear father  
who passed away  
on December 12, 1997.

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fond and true,  
to show we still  
remember you.  
Though 18 years  
have passed away,  
still we miss you  
day by day."*

Sadly missed by daughter  
Kathy and son-in-law Keith

## 580 NOTICES



### Special Meeting of County Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that they will convene a **Special Closed Session** meeting of Haliburton County Council at 9:00 a.m., January 8, 2016 for the purpose of receiving advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Meeting will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON.

Michael Rutter, CAO/County Clerk  
County of Haliburton

## 650 OBITUARIES



### In Loving Memory of Elsie "Bonnie" Kellett

Passed away peacefully at the Garden City Manor, St. Catharines on Sunday, December 13, 2015. In her 83rd year.

Beloved wife of the late Sidney. Dear mother of Rod (Sue-Ellen), Debbie (Bob), Cathy (Wilf). Loving grandmother of 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Graveside and Committal Service will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, date and time to be announced in the Spring.


Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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**In loving memory of a  
dear husband Merle Clarke  
who passed away May 27th, 2011.**

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A million times I've cried.  
If love could have saved you dear,  
You never would have died.  
Things we feel most deeply,  
Are the hardest things to say,  
My dearest...I loved you,  
In a very special way.  
If I could have one lifetime wish,  
One dream that could come true,  
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